

The Passing of the Year.

BY LILLIAN GREY.

The dear Old Year is dying!
His weary head is lying
On his last earthly pillow.
Waiting the fates strong willow
To bear him away to the Past.
That borne so misty and vast.

The Old Year lies a-dying!
He has many mourners sighing,
With heart so sad and tender,
As they think of his vanished splendor.
Of all he has brought of good,
And his worth, scarce understood.

The Old Year lies a-dying!
The wind through the dark is sighing,
And the falling bell in the steeple
Warns all of the coming people
To utter their last good bye,
For the fateful moments fly.

"Old Year! if we have grieved you,
If we have sorely deceived you,
If your precious gifts were slighted,
And your hopes of promise blighted—
Forgive us now, we pray!
For give, ere you pass away!"

"Old Year! we'll not forget you,
But sorely and long regret you;
We shall think of your pleasant hours,
Of your honey of fruits and flowers,
Of all the gifts you've brought,
And the lessons you have taught.

"And now you lie a-dying,
With the winter wind a-sighing,
And the bells so sadly tolling,
And the moments swiftly rolling"—
The watching clock strikes clear—
"Good bye, good bye, Old Year!"

Watch-Night.

BY HORATIO BOSAR.

Watch, brethren, watch!
The year is dying;
Watch, brethren, watch!
Old time is flying.

Watch at men watch the parting breath,
Watch as men watch for the death.
Eternity is drawing nigh,
Eternity, eternity!

Praise, brethren, praise!
The sands are falling!
Praise, brethren, praise!
God's voice is calling.

You turret strikes the dying time;
We kneel upon the edge of time,
Eternity is drawing nigh,
Eternity, eternity!

Praise, brethren, praise!
The skies are ringing;
Praise, brethren, praise!
The light is ending.

Behold, the glory draweth near,
The King himself will soon be here!
Eternity is drawing nigh,
Eternity, eternity!

Look, brethren, look!
The day is breaking;
Hark, brethren, hark!
The day is breaking.

Behold the Bridegroom is at hand!
Eternity is drawing nigh,
Eternity, eternity!

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